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Senate Bill _____
By _____

House No. HB1548
By Odom

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to confidential communications between registered nurses practicing in psychiatric and mental health nursing and their clients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) The confidential communications between a client and a registered nurse practicing and nationally certified in psychiatric and mental health nursing are considered equivalent to confidential communications between certified master social workers and independent practitioners of social work and clients, under laws addressing privilege and confidentiality.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent disclosure of confidential communications in proceedings arising under title 37, chapter 1, part 4, concerning mandatory child abuse reports.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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